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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARINE EXPOSITION TO NEAR EAST

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVE PROPOSED EXPOSITION MIGHT WORK IN ALGIERS, PROVIDED RIGHT PRODUCTS ARE EXHIBITED. WE SUPPORT EMPHATICALLY JIDDA'S COMMENT THAT PRODUCT MIX, RATHER THAN "FORTUNE 500", MOST IMPORTANT CRITERIA FOR JUDGING PROBABLE FEASIBILITY OR SUCCESS OF EXHIBITION. OIL PRODUCING ARAB STATES HAVE BEEN WOODED BY SO MANY MAJOR COMPANIES DURING PAST THREE YEAR THAT A FEW MORE WILL NOT RPT NOT CAUSE RIPPLE. ARAB STATES IN THE AREA ARE NO LONGER IMPRESSED MERELY BY BIG NAMES; THERE HAS TO BE SOME SUBSTANCE.

2. WE HAVE INQUIRED AS TO AVAILABILITY WATER AND FUEL AND ARE INFORMED THEY ARE NO PROBLEM. ONLY PROBLEM WE CAN FORESEE IS THAT OF ACCESS. ALGERIANS EXTREMELY SECURITY CONSCIOUS, AND ACCESS TO PORT AREA RESTRICTED. WE SURE THAT ONLY LIMITED NUMBER OF ALGERIANS WITH SPECIAL PASSES WOULD BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO EXHIBITION, AND ONLY AFTER CERTAIN AMOUNT OF BUREAUCRATIC HARRASSMENT.

3. RE PARA EIGHT REFTTEL: ALTHOUGH EMBASSY ALGIERS HAS NO EXPERIENCE IN RECENT PAST WITH FLOATING EVENT OF TYPE ENVISAGED, EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICER REMEMBERS SIMILAR, BRITISH EXPOSITION IN DOHA LATE SEPTEMBER 1973. BRITISH
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FLOATING EXHIBIT AT THAT TIME WAS WELL RECEIVED THROUGHOUT

GULF AND WAS JUDGED SUCCESS. WE TRUST THAT WILLETS FULLY
AWARE HOW MISERABLY HOT GULF STILL CAN BE BY END SEPTEMBER.

4. IF PROPOSED EXPOSITION INCLUDES ALGERIA ON ITINERARY,
EMBASSY WILL BE PREPARED OFFER NORMAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE,
AS IT WOULD FOR ANY OTHER SUCH MISSION.

5. IF ALGIERS TO BE CONSIDERED SERIOUSLY FOR STOP, PLEASE
ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE MAY EXPLORE IDEA
FURTHER WITH POSSIBLE ALGERIAN INVITEES AND ALGERIAN
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